



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

**Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!**

**November 21, 2024**

Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

This week the House reconvened to consider the passage of SB 382 "Disaster Relief Pt. 3 - Budget - Various Law Changes" and the veto override of HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments". The Republican House Caucus, including Members-elect, were present in Raleigh to accomplish caucus business. We are prepared to get to work when the 2025-2026 legislative session convenes in January.

A special note: It's my daughter Madison's 17th Birthday today! Wayne and I are very proud of her and our son Cole (and we can't believe how old they are both getting)!

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.

*-Representative Erin Paré*



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## HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments" Veto Override

# OVERRIDE

- ✓ **REQUIRE SHERIFFS TO COOPERATE WITH ICE**
- ✓ **CLEAR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WAITLIST**
- ✓ **FUND K-12 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE GROWTH**
- ✓ **EXPAND RURAL HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**



The General Assembly has overridden Gov. Cooper's veto of House Bill 10 "[Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments](#)", putting into law much-needed provisions that require sheriffs to cooperate with ICE, clear the Opportunity Scholarship waitlist, fund K-12 and community college enrollment growth and expand rural high-speed internet.

## NC House Passes SB 382 "Disaster Relief Pt. 3 - Budget - Various Law Changes"

Senate Bill 382 provides the third installment in Hurricane Helene recovery for western North Carolina.

The bill sets aside an extra \$227 million for Helene-related needs, increasing the total legislative funds for recovery efforts to \$877 million. It includes funding for debris removal, water infrastructure repairs, assistance to local governments and regulatory relief for affected communities. SB 382 also allocates \$50 million to Rebuild NC for hurricane recovery in eastern North Carolina while implementing financial oversight due to past mismanagement.

As the state waits for more federal funding and conducts disaster assessments, this legislation represents just one more step in the ongoing recovery process. The legislature will return in a few weeks to address additional needs.

On the policy side, the bill improves election oversight, removes unelected government positions, and protects the state legislature's constitutional powers.

#### **Top-line numbers:**

##### **Hurricane Helene Recovery**

- \$227 million for Helene-recovery needs
- \$25 million for debris removal
- \$2 million for soil and water technical assistance
- \$100 million for local government loans
- \$100 million for water infrastructure repairs

##### **Other Budget Items**

- \$50 million to Rebuild NC to repair hurricane-damaged homes
- Mandate audit and ongoing financial monitoring of Rebuild NC
- \$33 million to extend child care stabilization grants
- \$5 million to begin process of replacing NC State's Poe Hall

##### **Policy Items**

- Enhance election oversight by shifting State Board of Elections to the State Auditor
- Improve election trust with prompt provisional and absentee ballot reporting
- Empower legislature to defend itself in court and prevent Attorney General from undermining state laws
- Eliminate unnecessary and unelected Energy Policy Council
- Empower State Highway Patrol to become an independent agency
- Remove State Superintendent power to block charter school approvals
- Strengthen Center for Safer Schools by transferring to State Bureau of Investigation.
- Improve balance on N.C. Utilities Commission by giving one of governor's appointments to State Treasurer.

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## **Opportunities for High School Students**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- Each Representative is allotted **up to 5 Page appointments** during the 2025 Long Session.
- **Current sophomore, junior, and senior high school students will be eligible to apply.**
- Check the House Page website for participant eligibility requirements and available dates to serve as a House Page.
- House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.



**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

# **N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)**



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## **2023-2024 General Assembly Sessions**

Rep. Paré introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the following bills. [Please find links to all of these bills here.](#)

### **Introduced bills:**

- HB 3 "UNC Report on Computer Science Credit."
- HB 4 "Increasing Engagement in STEM Grant Program."
- HB 5 "Fuquay Varina Deannexation."
- HB 8 "Various Statutory Changes.\*\*"
- HB 56 "Safe Firearm Storage/Sales Tax Exemption."
- HB 99 "Wake County Board of Commissioners Elections."\*
- HB 267 "Holly Springs Deannexation/Leland Annexation Moratorium."\*
- HB 594 "Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification."
- HB 624 "Red Light Camera Delay Interval."
- HB 717 "Study Metropolitan Planning Organizations."
- HB 900 "Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod."\*
- HB 909 "Various Local Provisions I."\*
- HB 1056 "PA Licensure Interstate Compact."

**Sponsored bills:**

HB 11 "School for the Deaf and Blind."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 29 "Support Private Property Rights."  
HB 35 "Expand Definition of Opioid Antagonist."  
HB 77 "Drivers License Designation/Autism."  
HB 146 "Taxpayer Protection Act."  
HB 363 "The Gabe Torres Act."  
HB 442 "UI Drug Testing Requirements/Funds."  
HB 497 "Funds for NC Arts Council."  
HB 498 "K-5 Arts and Music."  
HB 535 "Solar Capacity Limit Increase."  
HB 574 "Fairness in Women's Sports Act."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 576 "Health Care Practitioner Transparency Act."  
HB 603 "Temporary Event Venues."  
HB 640 "Career Path Options Transparency Act."  
HB 747 "No Work Requirement Exemptions for Food and Nutrition Services Benefits."  
HB 819 "Medical Ethics Defense (MED) Act."  
HR 897 "Support for Israel."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 903 "Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List."  
HB 942 "SHALOM Act."<sup>\*</sup>

**Co-Sponsored Bills:**

HB 6 "Uniform Heroes Voting Act."  
HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments."  
HB 39 "Kayla's Act: Protecting Domestic Violence Victims."  
HB 40 "Preventing Rioting and Civil Disorder."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 86 "School Calendar Flexibility/Statewide."  
HB 210 "Reduce Barriers to State Employment."  
HB 214 "Add Members to NC Training Standards Commission."  
HB 261 "Limited Provisional License Modification."  
HB 346 "Reorganization and Economic Development Act."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 347 "Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 426 "Various Environmental Amendments."  
HB 440 "Direct Care Work Wage Increases/Innovation Waiver."  
HB 447 "Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 463 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act."  
HB 478 "Support Students with Disabilities Act."  
HB 562 "Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis."  
HB 580 "Expand Day/Employment Options/IDD."  
HB 583 "Support and Expand Workforce IDD Options."  
HB 597 "25-Year Retirement for First Responders."  
HB 614 "Amend NC Constitution to Guarantee the Right to Work."  
HB 688 "Increase Access for Small Employers' Insurance."  
HB 704 "Repeal Giglio Notifications."  
HB 823 "Choose Your School, Choose Your Future."  
HB 852 "The Rep. Becky Carney Cardiac Arrest Act."  
HB 882 "Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption."  
HB 905 "Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption."  
HB 966 "Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons."  
HB 971 "Human Trafficking Changes."<sup>\*</sup>  
HB 984 "Removal of Squatters from Private Property."  
HB 1003 "Jt Caucus for IDD/Omnibus."  
HB 1029 "Right To Try Individualized Treatments."

HB 1044 "County Tier Designation Study Bill."  
HB 1074 "Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting."\*

\* = Bills that have been passed and signed into NC law.

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## News Clips

[House overrides veto of Opportunity Scholarships funding, ICE bill](#) – Carolina Journal

[NCORR director booted as NCGA allocates \\$50 million to mismanaged agency with mandatory audits](#) – Carolina Journal

[North Carolina 1 of 13 AAA in all major national bond rating agencies](#)– The Center Square

[NC gamblers bet more than \\$600 million on sports in October. Will state change the way winnings are taxed?](#) – WRAL

[New K-3 literacy data shows growth in skills for North Carolina students](#)– EdNC

[NC Passes Citizen-Only Voting amendment](#)– Carolina Journal

[How buying a real Christmas tree could aid western NC recovery-](#)  
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